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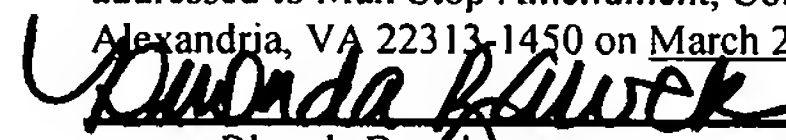
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LOAD ON A VEHICLE**

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1. DE 100 23 588 A1
2. US 2002/0063008 A1
3. FR 2 671 525 A1
4. DE 37 21 379 C1
5. EP 0 995 639 A2 (in English)

6. DE 197 45 309 A1
7. DE 195 37 383 A1
8. DE 100 26 330 A1
9. DE 44 33 046 A1
10. DE 44 07 763 A1

Documents 1-5 are cited in the ISR and Documents 6-10 are cited in the German Search Report. A concise explanation of relevancy for each non-English document is provided below:

**Document 1**

It is indicated in the ISR that the entire document of Document 1 is "X" category relevant to claims 1-4, 11, and 16-19 of the corresponding PCT application.

**Document 3**

It is indicated in the ISR that the abstract of Document 3 is "A" category relevant to claims 1 and 18 of the corresponding PCT application.

**Document 4**

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**Document 6**

It is indicated in the German Search Report that Figures 2 and 5 of Document 6 is "X" category relevant to claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 10 of the corresponding German application.

**Document 7**

It is indicated in the German Search Report that Pos. 5 Fig. of Document 7 is "X" category relevant to claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13 of the corresponding German application.

**Document 8**

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**Document 9**

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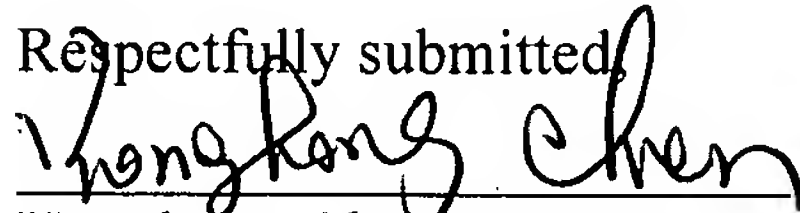
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